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SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR HIGH LEVEL ECONOMIC MEETING OF CENTO

REFERENCES: A. ANKARA 1178; B. STATE 29470

AID FOR REICH

1. DRAFT AGENDA MAILED FEBRUARY 6 VIA APO TO TURNER
RECEIVED FEB 14. TURNER WILL DISCUSS OUR REACTION ON
ARRIVAL IN ANKARA. IT APPEARS SECRETARIAT IS PROPOSING
CONSIDERATION OF DETAILED ITEMS WHICH MIGHT BE SUITABLE
FOR DISCUSSION IN EXISTING CENTO ECONOMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE
ORGANS, BUT NOT DURING HIGH LEVEL MEETING AS WE HAVE
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INTERPRETED CONCEPT.

2. WE HAVE SOUGHT SUGGESTIONS FROM REGIONAL MEMBERS WHICH WOULD PERMIT AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES IN NEW ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, OR SCIENTIFIC AREAS OF THEIR CHOICE IN WHICH THEY HAVE COMMON PROBLEMS. SUCH AN EXCHANGE MIGHT WELL LEAD TO SPECIFIC ACTIONS REQUIRING SIGNIFICANT RE-ORIENTATION OF EFFORT BY CENTO SECRETARIAT AND ECONOMIC ORGANS. THERE MIGHT ALSO BE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FINANCING. HOWEVER, AS WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO MAKE CLEAR TO CENTO MEMBERS OUR PARTICIPATION IN HIGH LEVEL MEETING SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS A COMMITMENT FOR ADDITIONAL U.S. FUNDING.

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WE WOULD HOPE THAT SUCH ADDITIONAL FUNDING AS MIGHT BE NECESSARY WOULD COME FROM WITHIN REGION AND THAT U.S. ROLE WOULD BE LIMITED TO ADVISORY EFFORT.

3. GIVEN CURRENT CONFUSION REGARDING WHAT IS APPROPRIATE FOR INCLUSION IN AGENDA WE DOUBT QUESTION CAN BE FULLY RESOLVED DURING EXPANDED ESG SESSION. WE BELIEVE U.S. REP SHOULD NOT REJECT OUTRIGHT ANY SUGGESTIONS POSED BY OTHER DELEGATES. AT SAME TIME, IT APPEARS WE COULD NOT AGREE TO SOME AGENDA ITEMS PROPOSED IN SECRETARIAT DRAFT EITHER BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT GERMANE (SUCH AS II(D)) OR BECAUSE THEY ARE TOO TECHNICAL FOR CONSIDERATION AT AN INITIAL MEETING OF HIGH LEVEL POLICYMAKERS (SUCH AS III(1)). OTHERS ARE NOT "NEW", BUT HAVE BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION IN REGULAR CENTO ORGANS.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTIONS ON HOW PROPOSED AGENDA MIGHT BE AMENDED TO PERMIT CONCENTRATION ON ITEMS SUITABLE FOR DISCUSSION BY HIGH LEVEL, POLICY ORIENTED INDIVIDUALS.

5. U.S. WILL NOT BE PREPARED TO IDENTIFY PRINCIPAL U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DURING EXPANDED ESG SESSION. IF HIGH LEVEL MEETING FOLLOWS ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING AT LONDON, WE WILL DRAW ON U.S. DELEGATION FOR ONE OR TWO ADVISORS WE THINK NECESSARY. AS NOTED IN REF B., DESIGNATION OF U.S.

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REPRESENTATIVE WILL DEPEND ON FOCUS OF AGREED AGENDA. INGERSOLL

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